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Application No:	10/825,841	Group Art Unit:	1775
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A TANTALUM LAYER AND APPARATUS USING A TANTALUM LAYER			

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 24, 2006 please reconsider the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Examiner has allowed claims 1, 5, 7-8, 13, 17-21, 24, 26, 29, 34, 37, 39-48, 50-53. Examiner has rejected claims 2-4, 6, 9-12, 14-16, 22-23, 25, 27-28, 30-33, 35-36, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. In addition Examiner has rejected claims 49 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by various cited prior art.

Applicant amends claims 2-4, 6, 9-12, 14-16, 22-23, 25, 27-28, 30-33, 35-36, and 38.

Applicant cancels claims 54-56 without prejudice, and their content reserved for inclusion in a continuation/divisional application.